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RE: EXTREME STORM EVENT AT ENERGY WEST MINE SITES ON 9/27/14

Daron,

On Saturday afternoon, September 27, 2014, an extreme weather event (thunderstorm) passed over the Energy West mine sites. This event also caused widespread flood damage in Emery and Carbon counties as reported in the local press. Damage to sediment control structures occurred at Deer Creek Mine (Rilda Canyon and Waste Rock Site), Cottonwood Mine, and Trail Mountain Mine.

While our remote weather station on top of East Mountain was not functioning normally at the time, other recording stations and instruments recorded the event. The Huntington Power Plant weather station recorded 1.23" of rain during the event and the rain gauge at Rilda Canyon collected approximately 3.45" of rain. We believe that the event exceeded the 10-year 24-hour event threshold, at least at Rilda Canyon (2.10").

Energy West staff have been to all sites to assess the damage and repairs are underway.

If you require any additional information please call me at (435) 687-4712.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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